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LOK SABHA

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NEW SYSTEM IN TRAINS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have prepared a new system in trains to prevent accidents as happened in Samjhauta Express;

(b) if so, the details of new system alongwith expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(c) the trains in which such new system is to be installed initially; and

(d) the time by which such new system is to be introduced in trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, following steps have been taken/are being taken to provide adequate security at all the important railway stations.

1. Modern security gadgets like- Close Circuit Televisions and Cameras, Deep Search Metal Detectors, Scanner Machines, etc. are being installed.

2. Number of trained Sniffer Dogs are being/have been deployed for checking of Coaches, Parcels, Baggage, station area and searching of explosives.

3. Announcements over Public Address system as well as by Mega phones by Railway Protection Force to alert the public in coaches.

4. Use of Door Frame Metal Detectors and Hand Held Metal Detectors to check the passenger's belongings in trains and at stations.

5. Access control has been introduced in coordination with Government Railway Police.

6. Presence of Railway Protection Force/ Government Railway Police staff at sensitive stations have been augmented.

7. Communication system of Railway Protection Force has been improved by providing Mobile phones, walkie-talkies, Very High Frequency sets etc.

8. Escorting of all the important trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi is being done by the Railway Protection Force personnel round the clock.

9. To mitigate the impact of a fire incident to some extent, Indian Railways are continuously improving material used in coaches to make them more and more fire retardant and less toxic in the event of burning to reduce chances of damage caused by the fire.

10. Rupees 121,63,11,640/- to be spent on vetted and sanctioned proposals during 2007-08.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.